

IS says 'Release the RAM!'

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IS's new policy of keeping your computer on all the time is meant to benefit the agency by allowing us to push updates to your computer. Since these updates come from the server during the wee hours of the morning, we aren't interrupting your work.

However, keep in mind that your computer does need to take a break once in a while. The computer's RAM (random access memory) is a chip inside your computer that holds a copy of programs that you open, which in turn, gives you faster access to the program's functions. Once this chip is filled to capacity or contains bad instructions - errors, lockups, and inconsistencies can occur.

So while you should leave your computer on at all times, you should reboot once a week. This will release the RAM and give your computer a fresh new outlook.